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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows. Additions are underlined; deletions are in ~~strikeout~~ text.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 9 to read as follows:

Magnetically actuated surf action figures 10 are provided on the ~~side ride~~ surface 3 and are controlled by play participants 20 using one or more magnets disposed underneath the ride surface 3. In ~~particular~~, the support structure has one or more openings therein (not shown) into which may be inserted an elongated pole or stick having affixed thereto a permanent or electric magnet. The magnetic forces created thereby are caused to interact with a similarly sized and configured magnet at the base of each surf action figure. In this manner, the stick 40 may be used by each play participant 20 to control the relative orientation and position of each play action figure and its interaction with the sheet water flow on the ride surface 3. FIG. 4B is a detail view of a magnetically operated surf toy action figure and associated actuator for use with the simulated surfing game apparatus of FIG. 4A. Optionally, a containment/recirculation system may be provided as illustrated in FIG. 4. In this optional embodiment, water flow 8 is contained by side walls 99 which funnel spent flow 8 into a recovery pool 97. This water is then drawn through a conduit 96 and recirculated by a pump 95.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 13 to read as follows:

FIG. 6A is a detail view of one embodiment of a radio remote controlled surf toy action figure 10 for use with the simulated surfing game apparatus of FIG. 5. The surf action figure 10 generally comprises a plastic molded toy action figure 63 pivotally mounted to a miniature surf board or other sheet flow riding vehicle 65. The action figure 63 is preferably mounted on a base 67 which is pivotally mounted to the board 65 at pin 69. Pin 69 is preferably rotatable clockwise and/or counter-clockwise directions in response to a radio ~~frequency~~ broadcast or other wireless communications protocol received by antenna 59.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1 to read as follows:

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of a simulated surfing game apparatus 500 having features and advantages of the present invention. In particular, it may be seen that a toy surfing action figure 10 is caused to traverse across and perform live-action water skimming maneuvers upon an uphill sheet flow of water 8. Surf action figure 10 may be controlled using any one or more of the control mechanisms or methods described above and/or obvious variations thereof as will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art. Optionally, surf action figure 10 may be pre-programmed from among a selection of preset and/or custom maneuvers. Optionally, surf action figure 10 may be programmed or otherwise configured to perform random or varying surfing maneuvers. Again, many variations and modifications are possible. A game may also be played whereby play participants try to see or bet on whose -surf action figure is able to stay -upright on the ride surface the longest without wiping out. Multiple surf action figures of identical or varying design may be used for this purpose.